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Little Good From Summit, Bricker Says

Former U. S. Senator John W. Bricker, in Dayton for the 81st annual convention of the Ohio State Bar association, today expressed little hope of "anything" coming out of the proposed Kennedy-Khrushchev talks in early June.

"Previous so-called Summit meetings, in which very little has been achieved, reveal that about the best Russia will do is only add to world confusion," he commented.

THE ROBUST. 67-year-old Bricker, however, urged that Mr. Kennedy let the Communist nations know where we stand, what we will do and won't do. "This is the time," he added.

Bricker, beaming after his victory today in which the OSBA rejected the idea of repeal of the "Connally Reservation," pictured the president as a man of character, a man who thus far has taken a firm stand on international issues.

"BUT," Bricker added, "what we need is action. President Kennedy has made some fine statements, but there must be some positive action." The reason the Kennedy administration has not taken more action, he felt, is because it is dealing with an experimental program.

The recent failure of the rebels' invasion into Cuba also came under close scrutiny of Bricker, three times elected governor of Ohio from 1938-44.

"THAT WAS a pretty sad spectacle," he said. "I don't think the invasion should have been permitted. We weren't ready, they weren't ready. It's quite easy to have hindsight, but in international affairs you have to look beyond today."

According to Bricker, a proposal for a joint committee to study the Central Intelligence Agency as result of the Cuban fiasco is good for the nation. "The people have a right to know, and, more particularly, our policies should be expressed through Congress to meet situations as they arise."